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LORENIAN, fnu

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1. We call your attention to an item on page 17 of the referenced report in which it is stated that Tander MOEVS has been in contact with a certain LORENIAN, fnu, in Salzburg.

2. ~~X~~LORENIAN, according to [] is the "liaison man of the Iron Guard to the MALAXA group."

3. Would it be possible to develop this information in greater detail? Is LORENIAN the former Bucharest banker of Armenian birth? Is he related to a Dr. George M. LORENIAN living in Geneva, Switzerland? What, specifically, is meant by "the MALAXA group?" Is there any concrete evidence that the Iron Guard is currently being supported by Nicolae MALAXA, and if so, what are the channels?

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(Extract from MOHA-0844 in file [] dated 4 January 1952, in reply to dispatch to Munich of 8 Nov. 1951, Subject: LORENIAN, fnu.)

"According to [], the MALAXA group in the United States finances the Legionaries, at least partly, through fnu LORENIAN.

"By the MALAXA group [] means Nicolae MALAXA's circle of close friends both in the U.S. and abroad. He considers LORENIAN as belonging to this circle. In Rumania LORENIAN, who was an 'important businessman', worked closely with Nicolae MALAXA. This work consisted, on the one hand, of arranging business transactions, business deals and connections for MALAXA and, on the other hand, of acting as liaison man between MALAXA and the Iron Guard.

"The SIMA Iron Guardists in Western Austria and Germany who are unemployed or who are engaged in full time Iron Guard work - who amount to about half their total number - are being paid monthly allowances by the Iron Guard. This is done through Mircea DIMITRIU who, in addition to his other duties, is the Iron Guard Treasurer for at least these areas. [] that at least part of these allowances are paid from funds given to the Iron Guard by MALAXA.

"Subject (MOEVS) is in contact with LORENIAN of the MALAXA group. She claims that she had been, before her divorce, a cousin by marriage of LORENIAN's wife, the former Mrs. GRECEANU.....

"One year ago, Subject was working for the same French IS which employed Lt. Col. PRAN. This was the reason why on her frequent visits to Innsbruck Subject was quartered and ate her meals at Hotel Kreid, located at 3 Bozenerplatz. This hotel is requisitioned by the French Army and is used exclusively by French officers and their families....

"LORENIAN, who is of Armenian birth, has relatives in Switzerland - degree of relation unknown - where he travels often. He is also in contact with the French IS at Kitzbuehel, in Austria....

[] cannot identify the individual in Zurich from whom Subject (MOEVS) receives money regularly. [] states that the almost monthly checks vary in amount between 2,000 and 5,000 Austrian schillings. It might be a coincidence, but she usually receives the checks in Salzburg one or two days after she visits Kitzbuehel in Austria."

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